

A bill to set apart ten leagues of land for Indian purposes : read first time.

The following bills from the House were severally read a third time and passed.

A bill to authorize the commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a patent in the name of Wm. McMin Nuner, on certificate No. 508 ;

A bill concerning the qualification of officers ;

A bill to enable part owners of slaves, and other personal property, to obtain partition thereof ;

A bill to render valid and effectual to legal claimants, patents for land which have been issued, or which may hereafter be issued, in the names of deceased persons ; and

A bill to incorporate the town of Clarksville.

On motion of Mr. Bigelow, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, December 17, 1851.

The Senate was called to order by the President, pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Rev. Mr. Baggerly—roll called—quorum present—the journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Reaves, Mr. Burleson was excused from attendance, on account of sickness.

Mr. Sterne presented the petition of Roswell Gorman ; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Duggan, chairman of the committee on Enrolled Bills, reported a bill to provide for the reception and deposit of a portion of the indemnity due the the State of Texas, for the sale of a portion of her north-western territory, under the provisions of an act of Congress approved September 9, 1850, correctly enrolled ; and that the same was deposited on yesterday with the Governor, for his approval.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had adopted a substitute for the Senate's bill concerning writs of certiorari from justices courts ; and that the House had passed a bill for the relief of Theresa Tyler, with an amendment.

Mr. Eddy made the following report :

The committee on Contingent Expenses have approved an account in favor of Samuel G. Haynie, for postage on newspapers and public documents, amounting to the sum of one hundred and twenty-eight dollars forty-two cents ; and an account

in favor of A. H. Cook, for work, for the sum of one hundred and thirty-eight dollars.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill providing for the liquidation and payment of the debt of the late Republic of Texas.

Mr. Scott withdrew the amendment offered by him, to the substitute offered by Mr. Gray.

Mr. Sterne moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning; lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Armstrong, Bigelow, Bogart, Dancy, Doane, Merriman, Parker and Sterne—8.

NAYS—Messrs. Burks, Davis, Duggan, Eddy, Gray, Grimes, Hill, Kinney, Reaves, Scott, Taylor, Truit, Williams and Wilson—14.

Mr. Gray offered the following amendment to his substitute: In third section, first line, insert, after the word "which," the words "have been allowed and confirmed, and which."

On motion of Mr. Dancy, the bill and amendment were postponed until to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Kinney, a bill to incorporate the Corpus Christi navigation company, was taken from the table and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Wilson moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning; upon which the yeas and nays were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Armstrong, Bogart, Dancy, Doane, Hart, Merriman, Parker, Sterne, Williams and Wilson—10.

NAYS—Messrs. Bigelow, Burks, Davis, Duggan, Eddy, Gray, Grimes, Hill, Kinney, Reaves, Scott, Taylor and Truit—13; lost.

On motion of Mr. Sterne, a call of the Senate was had, and the Sergeant-at-Arms despatched after absentees.

A bill concerning writs of certiorari to justices courts; read first time.

Mr. Eddy introduced a bill to establish the New Orleans, Texas and Pacific rail-way company, and for the extension of the New Orleans, Algiers and Opelousas rail-road through Texas; read first time.

The Senate concurred in the amendment of the House, to a bill for the relief of Theresa Tyler.

A bill to prohibit plaintiffs in suits brought for trespass to try titles, from recovering rents in certain cases; read second time, and on motion of Mr. Wilson, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill supplementary to an act to authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents on certificates issued by the Board of Land Commissioners of Robertson county, approved 5th February, 1850; read second time, and on motion of Mr. Taylor, referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to require the Commissioner of the General Land Office to patent certificate No. 20, first class, issued by the county court of Grimes county; read second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill for the investigation and determination of eleven league land claims in Robertson's and part of Burnett's colony; read second time, and on motion of Mr. Armstrong, laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Eddy, the committee on Printing was authorized to contract for the printing of 270 copies of the Attorney General's report, for the use of the Senate.

A bill to set apart ten leagues of land for Indian purposes; read second time, and on motion of Mr. Taylor, laid upon the table.

A bill to incorporate the Comal Union School; read second time, and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Burks, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, December 18, 1851.

The Senate was called to order by the President pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Rev. Mr. Baggerly—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Parker presented the petition of Thomas T. Bailey; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Parker also presented the petition of Thomas T. Bailey, asking the privilege of establishing a Ferry on the Brazos and on the Rio Grande rivers; referred to the committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Mr. Taylor, chairman of the committee on Private Land Claims, to which were referred the petitions of George W. Parrish and Roswell Gorman, reported a bill for their relief, which was read first time.

Mr. Taylor, from the same committee, to which was referred the petition of James Hall, reported a bill for the relief of the heirs of Richard Hall, deceased; read first time.

Mr. Parker made the following report:

The committee on Claims and Accounts, to which was referred